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# A Plea For Justice . . .

**A. E. Smythies, the co-author of the standard handbook, takes another look at the Registered Letter Stamps . . . and finds their catalogue listings are as deplorable as ever**

There is no doubt that of all the various sections of Canadian philately, the one which is worst described and listed in current catalogues is the Registered Letter Stamps (RLS) of 1875-93. Such lists include stamps that do not exist, and omit stamps that do. The most interesting RLS which differs from all the others in shape and size and color and finish receives no mention in any Canadian or U.S. catalogue, so far as I know. I hope in the course of this article to make these points clear.

I give below a summary of the shades listed by the various authorities:

Value	Jarrett (1929)	Scott and Holmes	Lyman and Bileski	Gibbons
2c	Orange Orange-red Vermilion Carmine-rose	Orange  Vermilion Scarlet	Orange  Vermilion Scarlet	Orange Orange-red Vermilion Rose-carmine
5c	Deep green Yellow green Blue green	Yellow green Blue green	Deep green Yellow green Blue green	Deep green Yellow green Blue green Sea green
8c	Bright blue Dull blue	Blue	Bright blue Dull blue	Bright blue Dull blue

Of these current catalogues, only Gibbons and Lyman are priced lists of stamps actually offered for sale; the rest appear to be visions in a crystal ball of what the prices may be before the next edition.

*2c orange.* This was the standard color for this value from 1875 to 1889 when printing of 2c value ceased.

*2c vermilion.* I cannot say that this color was never used, but I can say that, in 5,000 stamps I have examined, I have failed to find it, and when I asked leading dealers for examples, I received either faded orange or, more usually, oxidized stamps.

*2c scarlet.* This color was recorded a donkey's-years ago by the American catalogue—Scott—and slavishly copied without much thought by Canadian catalogues.

I will summarize the evidence against it.

(1) Jarrett, Boggs and Gibbons do not admit scarlet as a shade of the 2c RLS and these are all higher authorities than Scott on Canadian stamps.

(2) The true *scarlet* color is defined and well known to millions of English residents and visitors in the uniforms of the Guards of Buckingham Palace. This color has never been used for printing Canadian Registered stamps.

(3) Every Canadian specialist knows that every shade of RLS (2c and 5c) can be matched exactly by Small Queen stamps printed at the same time. Neither Scott nor anyone else lists a Small Queen 3c "scarlet". On the contrary, Scott and everyone else lists the Small Queen 3c stamp printed

APR.), Golden Jubilee  
 Movement, P 12.  
 5 c. ultram. & orange-brn. o 9

REGISTRATION STAMPS.



R 1

g. & ptd. British-American  
 Montreal and Ott

- 75 (15 Nov.) 1888. White  
 1 R1 2 c. orange  
 2 " 2 c. orange-red  
 3 " 2 c. vermilion  
 4 " a. imperf. (pair)  
 5 " 2 c. brick-red (1888)  
 R 5 " 5 c. yellow-green  
 R 6 " 5 c. dark green  
 7 " a. imperf. (pair)  
 R 7 " 5 c. blue-green (1888)  
 R 8 " 8 c. bright blue  
 9 " 8 c. dull blue

REGISTRATION STA

NO.	VAL.	COLOR	Design
R1	2c	Orange	
R1a	2c	Pale Orange	
R1b	2c	Dark Orange	
R1c	2c	Ver	
R1d	2c	Brig	
R1e	2c	Scarlet	
R2	5c	Yellow	
R2a	5c	Deep Gt	
R2b	5c	Blue Green	
R3	8c	Bright Blue	
R3a	8c	Dull Blue	

FORATED 12x11 1/2



REGISTRATION STAMPS

R1 Engraved. Perf. 12.

Design	Value	Unwmkd.
1875-88 F1 R1	2c orange	3.50
	a. 2c vermilion	7.00
	b. 2c scarlet	7.00
	c. imperf. (pair)	16.00
F2 " "	5c yellow green	4.00
	a. 5c blue green (1888)	4.00
	b. imperf. (pair)	60.00
F3 " "	8c blue	40.00

POSTAGE DUE STAMPS.

- C—Vermilion—imperf. Pair  
 D—Scarlet—October, 1888 (F1b)  
 D3—Block of 4

in October 1888 as *rose-carmine*, which is identical in shade and contemporary with the RLS 2c so-called scarlet. It is absurd to give two different names to one color!

How did this mistake arise? There are various explanations; here are two: (1) I have some friends who are professional artists, who have exhibited at the Royal Academy, and whose profession it is to know the correct names of colors. I showed them some mint blocks and used singles of the RLS 2c rose-carmine and mentioned some catalogues described the color as "scarlet". They laughed and said the compilers were evidently color-blind! This is a possible explanation, but a color-blind person is not ideal for compiling a catalogue!

(2) Another possibility is the language difficulty. It is of course well-known that the English and American languages differ considerably — Kipling pointed this out 60 years ago, and I quote: "In England all men speak one tongue, speciously like American to the ear, but on cross-examination unintelligible". Let me give one example of the way Americans change the meanings of English words. Consider the noun — a "flat". In England we talk of "blocks of flats" or "rent of my flat", and the dictionary definition is "a storey of a house, especially when used as a separate residence". But in America it does not mean this at all. If an American says he has a flat, he means a punctured or deflated

motor tire! (I cannot find this meaning in any standard English dictionary). So "scarlet" in American may possibly mean the same as *rose-carmine* in English, but I doubt it, since the Small Queen 3c of October 1888 is a *rose-carmine* in both languages.

For these reasons I would urge that the word "scarlet" be eliminated from all catalogues.

The RLS Handbook has a note on this subject, and I quote: "We should realize that the main concern of the printers was to meet the ever-growing demand for the regular Small Queen postage stamps. For example, the annual demand for the 3c alone, year after year for a decade (1880-1890), greatly exceeded the total demand for all Registered stamps of all values together for all the 18 years! The production of those Registered stamps was probably regarded as another and troublesome chore, to be carried out at any odd times as their major job permitted. . . . While all shades of (2c and 5c) Registered stamps can be matched exactly by Small Queens, obviously the reverse cannot hold, since there were many Small Queen printings when Registered were not printed, e.g. before 1875 and after 1889."

The shade orange-red, listed by Jarrett and Gibbons, was used in the very last printings of the 2c value in Jan.-Feb. 1889 and should be in all catalogues.

(To be concluded next month)

## The Elusive

# 10<sup>c</sup> BLUE ADMIRAL

— it exists on horizontal wove paper  
but only on certain city precancels

by Charles D. Blair

Hans Reiche stated, in his Admiral handbook, that he had not found the 10c blue Admiral on horizontal wove paper although such reports were circulated. That statement was made in 1965.

It is now possible to report that this stamp does exist on such paper and this writer has been successful in finding 59 examples among 1691 copies examined. All finds are with city-type precancels.

The initial find, in early 1969, was located in a BNAPS circuit while examining Admiral precancels and it was in turn confirmed by Mr. Reiche. Two additional examples were obtained from a second circuit and again with precancels. With the precancel feature being the focal point, the author of another handbook, *Official Catalogue of Canada Precancels*, H. G. Walburn, was contacted. As a result, he furnished me with material to research. Without his assistance this report would be very limited and I am most grateful to him.

In order to identify this paper you must literally look through the stamp against a subdued light (the technique used) and in this manner the direction of the weave, or "white diamonds", may be determined. The diamonds will run in the direction of the weave name while looking at the margins with the stamp in a normal upright position. There is no printed-design characteristic by which this paper may be identified except by measurement across the design framelines. Measurement will vary depending on wet vs. dry printings on vertical vs. horizontal wove papers. A plastic scale inscribed in fiftieths of an inch, which allows direct decimal reading, was used for measuring.

For research by measurement alone all stamps can be disregarded if the width across side frame lines is less than .70 inch (17.75 mm) since this indicates a wet printing on vertical weave. Both the vertical (dry) and horizontal weave widths will measure a minimum of .71 inch (18.0 mm) and all such stamps should then be measured on the vertical axis at the frame lines. A measurement of .84 (21.25 mm) will be the horizontal weave and .85 (21.5 mm) will be the vertical (dry) weave. After checking several hundred copies by measurement the above values were found to be constant. As a double check the visual "look through" method can be used. Some papers examined showed a mottled effect and the weave was difficult to identify; however, correct measurement made determination possible.

While the city-type precancel quantities examined were not large, the following tabulations will indicate the possible degree of occurrence one may expect. Walburn's *Precancel Catalogue* city-type numbers are used as an identity. The three numbers following the city name are precancel type, number of HW found, and stamps examined respectively.

**CALGARY**



**ALBERTA**

**TORONTO**



**ONT.**

**WINNIPEG**



**MANITOBA**

**TORONTO**



**ONT.**

**WINNIPEG**



**MANITOBA**

**WINNIPEG**



**Man.**



Calgary 1-1-1	Toronto 10-33-295
Moncton 2-0-78	Toronto 11-0-63
Montreal 4-0-80	Winnipeg 1-1-174
Regina 2-0-51	Winnipeg 3-0-168
Toronto 3-0-193	Winnipeg 4-8-312
Toronto 7-1-193	Winnipeg 5-15-83

The Calgary and Winnipeg Type 1 discoveries were two of the three copies located in the circuits. Except for Calgary it would seem that Toronto and Winnipeg are the two key cities to examine; however, it is obvious from the above listing that more research is required. Who knows where the next find may come from? Mr. Reiche has now located a few copies on Winnipeg type-5 but the quantities both found and examined are not known. To our knowledge this paper has yet to be reported on an unprecanceled 10c blue Admiral.

My ambitious hope, at the time of the earlier finds, was that an assumption could be made as to a possible minimum number of copies that might exist on this paper. With the quantities found and the many unanswered questions, this does not seem feasible; at least on my part.

Inquiry was made to the Ottawa Post Office as to whether the precancelling operation was done on a 400-subject sheet or on

a 100-subject pane after cutting. Their reply stated that philatelic records were not as accurate in 1922 as they are today and such information was not available. Mr. Walburn feels precancelling was done on 100-subject because of press size limitation and Mr. Reiche feels the 400-subject overprint was possible. There also is the question of whether all precancelling was done in Ottawa, or, if certain of the largest cities were permitted to precancel. This could give rise to a thought regarding distribution of this paper. Comments would be welcome from the readers.

A final approach was taken by examining the stamps themselves with respect to shades, radical differences in overprint location and design relation to the perforations. I am reasonably certain that, of the 59 copies found, 39 are unrelated to any of the others. From this the reader may draw his own conclusions as to possible quantities.

Mr. Reiche has given this writer permission to announce that the finding of this stamp on horizontal wove paper would be mentioned in his planned Revised Handbook which he hopes to issue later this year. This should be welcome news for the Admiral enthusiasts.

## **A philatelic and postal history of NEWFOUNDLAND**

a continuing series by Brien C. Damien; part six

### **The Portugal Post Road and the Packets**

Although they were outlawed by government act in 1851, packets were plagued by nothing so much as the forces of nature. The *Dolphin* was lost off Portugal Cove in 1833; the *St. Patrick* went down off Crocker's Point when five lost their lives; and the *Princess Victoria* was wrecked when it ran into Eastern Head on Bell Island during a gale, losing the entire crew and passengers. There were other packets, too. Rev. Kirby, a postal historian upon whose work my information on the packets is based, made a list including the *Zephyr*, *Despatch*, *Union*, *Lotus*, *Temperance*, and *Breeze*. Finally, A. B. Perlin has recorded these notices

in his 1937 article on postage stamps in the *Book of Newfoundland*:

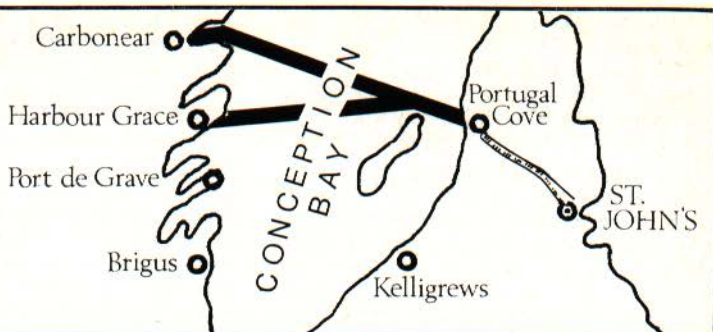
*"A steady and confidential packet man will leave St. John's every Wednesday morning with the packages and the letters for transmission . . . single letters 1s, double letters 2s, packages in proportion to their weight and bulk."*

*"Mr. Doyle begs to announce to the communities of St. John's, Harbour Grace, and Carbonear that he has engaged a confidential packet man to travel around the bay during the winter months."*

A special note: All the information extant on packets can be found in two articles, *Postal History of Newfoundland*, by the Rev. Hugh Kirby, in the Newfoundland Archives at St. John's, and *Postage Stamps*

## Private Packet Routes

on  
CONCEPTION  
BAY



of Newfoundland by A. B. Perlin, found in *Stamp Lover* magazine of London, and the *Book of Newfoundland*, Volume I, 1937.

### The Expansion of the Inland Posts

Because the British Parliament passed an Act in 1849 providing for colonial autonomy in postal affairs, the Newfoundland post office's association with the GPO was short-lived. When Governor-General Elgin of the colonial mainland called a conference in Montreal to "settle the questions arising from this concession" among the various postal administrations, Newfoundland sent no delegate although the government did act upon the concession itself in the spring of 1850. Here is the essence of a report prepared by a special committee of the House of Assembly:

(1) Based on the probable increase in revenue each successive year after the establishment of regular facilities, the volume of letters exchanged outside St. John's can support a postal system stretching from Gaultois to St. John's and then to Twillingate. (Between 1841 and 1849 the revenue of the post office increased 251 per cent, without an increase in rates.) (2) Stipendary magistrates at proposed offices can act as postmasters temporarily. Improved services in transportation will be used by travelling officials as well as mail, thereby offsetting any postal deficit. (3) Proposed northern route: courier from St. John's to Portugal Cove; sailing vessel to Brigus, Harbour Grace, and Carbonear; courier from Carbonear to Heart's Content; by sail from Heart's Content to Trinity and Catalina; courier from Catalina to Bonavista; then by vessel to Greenspond, King's Cove, Cat Harbour, Fogo, and Twillingate. Proposed southern route: courier from St. John's to Ferryland, Trepassey,

Salmonier, St. Mary's, and Placentia; by sail to Burin, Garnish and Gaultois from Placentia.

On May 31, 1851, the Assembly passed an "Act for the establishment and regulation of Inland Posts in this Colony"; its basic points are:

- £1,000 per annum granted for expenses.
- Governor appoints Postmaster-General (PMG) and Postmasters (PM).
- PMG executes Act; Governor in Council lays down rules for execution.
- PMG to contract for transportation on these routes: St. John's, Brigus, Harbour Grace, Carbonear, New Perlican, Trinity, Bonavista, King's Cove, Greenspond, Fogo, Twillingate; St. John's, Bay Bulls, Ferryland, Trepassey; St. John's, Holyrood, Salmonier, Placentia; Salmonier, St. Mary's; Placentia, Isle of Valen, Oderin, Burin; Burin, Garnish; Garnish, Belleoram, Harbour Breton.
- Post offices established at Brigus, Harbour Grace, Carbonear, Trinity, Bonavista, Fogo, Twillingate, Bay Bulls, Ferryland, Trepassey, St. Mary's, Placentia, Burin, Harbour Britain.
- Governor and council to establish way houses.
- Governor and council may authorize PMG to lay out branch routes and appoint postmasters along these routes.
- PMG and PMs to be bonded.
- PMG salaried at £75; postmasters at £10 to £15 (per annum).
- Rates: 3d per half ounce uniform letter rate; 2d for each of first six ounces of book, periodical, or pamphlet, 3d for each additional ounce thereafter up to 16 ounces. No book, etc., above one pound in weight may be mailed.
- All newspapers and government correspondence transmitted free.
- Highlights of the rules and regulations laid down by the Governor include:
  - Establishment of way-houses at Aquaforte, Fermeuse, Renewes, Topsail, Kelligrews, Holyrood, Salmonier, Isle of Valen; Oderin, Garnish, Belleoram, Portugal Cove, New Perlican, King's Cove, Catalina, Greenspond.
  - Mails for Portugal Cove, Harbour Grace, Carbonear, and Brigus three times weekly.
  - Mails for New Perlican, Trinity, King's Cove, Catalina, Bonavista, Bay Bulls, Ferryland, Aquaforte, Renewes, Trepassey, Topsail, Kelligrews, Holyrood, Salmonier, St. Mary's, Placentia, weekly during summer, twice monthly during winter.
  - Mails for Placentia, Isle of Valen, Oderin, Burin, Garnish, Belleoram, Harbour Breton, Greenspond, Fogo, Twillingate, every fortnight.
  - Inland postage on all letters leaving Newfoundland to be prepaid.

(To be continued)

# Perfin Study Group

R. J. Woolley, secretary, 1520 Bathurst Street, Toronto

Perfins, if not becoming decent, are at least gaining in popularity. On May 8 to 10 the show UNIPEX 111 was held at Syracuse, N.Y., sponsored jointly by the Niagara Frontier Federation of Stamp Clubs, and The Federation of Central New York Philatelic Societies. They should get together if only in the interests of having a shorter title.

A Syracuse member and a member of The Perfin Club, Ray Show, arranged for a section in the show to be devoted to Perfins and obtained 15 entries. The full exhibition had a total of 500 frames and out of the entire 15 gold awards, three of them went to Perfin exhibits.

One of these was "Selected pages of Canada Perforated OHMS" and was a very creditable showing of the five-hole type I, an almost complete showing of the type II, and several of both types on cover, it was exhibited by R. E. Andres.

The second went to J. Constantine for an exhibit of British Perfins (SPIFS). This was a very attractive display of GB perfins, mostly on the Penny Reds but illustrated with late-19th Century advertisements of the company using the design, and clipped from the press of the period.

The final gold award came to yours truly for "Canadian Stamps with Perforated Initials". This exhibit included the introduction, Canadian Regulations, a page with the three known designs on the Small Queen issue, Canadian designs (with still about 20 missing), the code-hole types, and the two examples of OHMS stationery.

The show was well handled by BNAPS's Dick Hedley.

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I have two investigations which never lose my interest. Who used the perfin JH/S from Montreal in the late 1800s? It appears only on the Small Queen issue and generally on the 1c yellow. The firm was probably an importer and did use stationery at one time with a corner-card promoting a British Fair in Montreal.

The other is to find who used CH(C11) from Newfoundland. The three copies I have seen all had what appeared to be a fiscal cancel. Does anyone have a copy with a legible postal cancel? N. W. Scales, in January '61 *Topics* suggests the user is Charles Hutton & Sons, St. John's. Does anyone have a cover? Most of the suggestions I receive offer the Customs House as the possible user; the same user, they suggest, also had CH (C38).



## Rounding Up Squared Circles

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### Squared Circle Roster: here's a new one underway for 1970-71

A number of correspondents have suggested that, since numerous changes have occurred in the seven years since the last Squared Circle Roster, it is time to take stock again. I agree, and to that end have prepared a Roster Form which I will send to any reader who will take the time to fill it out. It is a much more ambitious

undertaking than the previous Roster. Instead of a list of missing towns, it calls for an actual count of number of copies of each town and hammer by several categories: 5c Registry, 3c Jubilee, 2c Map, Other Stamp, and Cover. Other information is also requested, where necessary to shed light on some problem area.

Your collection is not too small or insignificant to include; information from all collections is needed. The forms are usable by anyone, whether a general squared circle collector, covers only, or what have you.

The returns will be collated on a single master list and Rarity Factors reviewed in light of the number of copies reported. What I hope is a rational basis has been devised for assigning RFs instead of averaging opinions. What the latter has gotten us into is a situation in which three towns, known in four copies each (at the time of the last Roster) — were rated at R.F. 225, 200, and 175 (do you know what towns these are?), and a case where a town known in seven copies was rated RF 150, while three or four towns known in only six copies each, were rated RF 125. I have a lot of respect for a difficult job done under trying conditions, but to avoid opinions, let's get numbers!

I have gone back over correspondence of the past several years — a tedious chore — in an attempt to identify information which might have been in the several lost columns.

With regard to WINGHAM '10 dates (see March, 1970 *Topics*), I find that Horace Harrison had reported MY 20/10 on 2c red Numeral, and had listed it as an error for '01. Similarly, Budd Soughton reported AP 12/10 on 2c Numeral, also stating his belief that it was an error for '01, and Alex McMillan reported MR 12/10 and MR 30/10, both on 2c Numeral, again stating a conviction that these were error dates for '01. Alex went further, and suggested that if these really were errors for '01, then we should revert to the late date shown in the Second Edition Handbook. With the proof that MY 10/10 was, indeed, an error for MY 10/01 and that fact that all known examples of '10 appear on Numeral issue, I think that his suggestion is well taken. Accordingly, I propose changing the latest known date for WINGHAM back to JU

(continued on page 222)



## Revenue Study Group

Leo J. LaFrance, PO Box 229, Ossining, N.Y. 10562

At long last we're going to try and catch up with more information on Revenues. In an earlier column we talked about BC Telephone Franks and their watermarks. We now have considerable new information about these stamps; your columnist has had the opportunity to see and examine these new findings:

The illustration shows complete watermarks of three types; there may be a fourth type, possibly used on the 1956-59 issues. The following notes and comments are pertinent:

*Watermark Type 1* — The shield has a double outer frame with lines 2 mm apart and contains a small central inner shield which has a letter "R" in the middle, appearing as if suspended by a line joining it to each side to the frame. Above this are three double-bar Lorraine crosses; below it is a spray of three maple leaves with their stems united.

The size of the shield is approximately 54 mm tall and 38 mm wide. The full watermark (shield and lettering) is approximately 115 mm tall and 113 mm wide.



(Drawings made from a tracing)

A pane with the shield showing will have a portion on all stamps.

The lettering measures as follows: SUPER-FINE is 11½-12 mm tall, and approximately 87 mm in width. LINEN RECORD, in the same type, is approximately 113 mm in width. MADE IN CANADA is about 5 mm tall and 83 mm in width.

In a pane with letters only not all stamps will show the watermark. The earliest the watermark has been seen is on the 1933 issue, and the latest positively identified is the 1941 issue.

**Watermark Type 2**—This is the same as type 1, except that the shield and outline letters are a little smaller and the single-line type is changed and reads 100% RAG-CANADA. It is approximately 75 mm wide. Since this watermark is smaller not all stamps on a pane will show portions of the shield or the letters. The earliest identified is on the 1942 issue and appears to be constant through to 1954. The 1951 issues appear to be on parchment-like paper.

**Watermark Type 3**—This watermark forms the word PARCHMENT and runs through the tabs of two panes in italicized upper-and-lower type. Immediately below are the words MADE IN CANADA in single-line Roman type.

To date this has been seen on the 1955 issue only; type 1 or (possibly) type 2 reappears in 1956. There might also be more to this watermark since some panes show lines not connected with the wording described.

Types 1 and 2 are to be found reading left-to-right, left-to-right inverted, right-to-left and right-to-left inverted.

For issues 1956-59 the watermark is the same as type 1 or 2, except that there may be key wording noting even a fourth type of watermark. However, the size of the shield and lettering and the placement of the last 'A' in Canada is consistent with type 2.

*Additional Notes:* The 1951 issue appears to be one heavy parchment-type paper. In the 1943 issue the 25c panes seem to have a distinct ghosting that looks like a double print; this is particularly notable in the pillars. All values of the 1953 issue are minus perfs on the top horizontal row of stamps; this seems to be constant throughout the issue.

So it appears that there are watermarked varieties from 1933 to 1959, with the exception of a 1948 reported, and even one as early as 1911 on watermarked paper. One would think at this time that all issues had a watermark of some sort; keep looking and perhaps more will turn up.

As an interesting sidelight I recently looked at a reply from Canadian Arsenals Limited which had a watermark on the paper containing a shield similar to those seen on the BC Telephone Franks. Who knows just how far this type of watermark extends?

I hope that things may now be slackening off from my other duties, and that I'll have a column in each issue of *Topics*.



**Kenneth G. Rose, 87 Wildwood Drive, Calgary 5, Alberta**

In the last article the five diagrams illustrated the 27 multiples as used in Ottawa for filling philatelic orders at the Bureau. I can only assume that many hundreds of sheets were broken up into these 27 blocks to facilitate rapid filling of what must have been the most difficult issue for them to handle. I fully realize that there are many more possible combinations, particularly if you consider pairs, blocks of six, and strips. However, that was the official breakdown as supplied by Ottawa, and was obviously not intended by either them, or your columnist, to be complete.

I made the statement that many hundreds

of sheets must have been broken up prior to the date of issue, because I know of two orders for 200 each of block No. 27 which were received in Alberta the next day. It would appear that efficiency is becoming more evident in the Philatelic Section, and on top of that, greater consideration is being given to attending to the wants of philatelists.

On numerous occasions you have heard many complaints from members, and myself, that information from fellow collectors is difficult to pry loose. Perhaps not. In this column for December 1969 after a six-week delay due to the Christmas season,

## Tagging Along

a deluge of replies came to me from all and sundry containing information, new reportings, and further reportings of previous listings. I now find myself in the process of making a complete new listing of tagged varieties, which will appear in the next column.

I do not know when the next column will run, so I will cover a few of the highlights now. For some reason a couple of members wish to remain anonymous. In all other cases credit will be given to the source.

● A full sheet of the 1967 Christmas stamp is reported by Paul Arcand. This sheet has been broken up, and had type 3A bars.

● Single copy of the 1964 5c Christmas with Type 3A (New reporting).

● Current 3c with type 3A (New reporting—Larry Davidson).

● 80 copies of the 1966 5c Christmas with type 2A (New reporting).

● Single mint 1964 3c Christmas type 3A (New reporting—Larry Davidson) (From miniature sheet).

● 2c Cameo with double-width bars straddling the perfs. (New reporting—W. D. Hurst).

● 3c Cameo with type 3A purple shade, used. (New reporting—W. D. Hurst).

● 4c 1954 QE with distinct triple phosphor bars. (New reporting—Al Decima).

That covers most of the major new reportings; there were many additional reportings of previously mentioned errors, which will play hell with the rarity factors as listed last December. As you can see, the new complete listing will be quite a chore, but I am in the middle of it now, and hope to have it in your editor's hands for the next issue. Thank you one and all for the correspondence. Incidentally, I have resigned from the Hudson's Bay Co. after 34 years, so my travelling days are over for the time being; I now hope to have more time to devote to research, and the writing of articles.

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## TOPICS: THE NEWSFRONT

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The BNAPEX committee is working to fill out a schedule of interesting study groups for the convention in October. At the present time there is only one chairman signed up, but hopes are high that others will be found. Study group organizer John Siverts tells us that serious consideration is being given for the following groups: Admirals, Flags, Revenues, Squared Circles and Westerns. He'll be delighted to hear from members willing to serve as chairmen for any of these, and, of course, is anxious for suggestions for other study groups.

And speaking of BNAPEX '70, Horace Harrison tells us that Bernard Harmer, U.S. commissioner for Philypia, has obtained permission from the Philypia committee to permit BNAPS members exhibiting at Philypia to have their exhibits forwarded to Easton directly from London.

According to all reports the MANIPEX '70 show went off extremely well last June in Winnipeg.

Toronto dealer Harry Martin, Jr. recently bought eight complete sheets of the Quebec issue from a Mrs. Monica Mathieu of Quebec City—from the ½c to the 20c values. Her father purchased them when they came out in 1904 for \$60.50, as an investment, and estimates of their present value are placed at \$12,500. Martin's cost wasn't disclosed, nor has he stated whether he will break up the sheets; in their present form they're possibly unique.

And here's some news about BNAPEX '72—which is certainly early and shows that Bob Pratt, who's organizing this New-

foundland convention, is not a procrastinator: Dates are September 8, 9 and 10, 1972 at the Holiday Inn in St. John's, when things won't be too cold; the exhibits will be held in the new Arts and Culture Centre in a two-storey room with excellent lighting, air conditioning and 24-hour guards on duty; they will build frames especially, holding 16 8½ x 11-inch pages and will assist in the mounting and take-down; they would like the exhibit to remain for two weeks, and at least one, since this is the first philatelic exhibit in the province and would be open to the public during certain periods; delivery of the exhibits by post is arranged and the stamps will be held until judging under guard in air-conditioned vaults; the bourse can be held at the hotel or the exhibit hall, with a \$5-per-day charge per exhibitor; the Newfoundland Tourist Bureau will do a mailing to all members, which will give details of travel facilities; banquet arrangements look most promising

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# TOPICS: THE BUSINESS SIDE

## BNAPS: ELECTED OFFICERS

PRESIDENT	Dr. R. V. C. Carr, 117 Robin Hood Way, Sherwood Forest, Youngstown, Ohio 44511
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BOARD OF GOVERNORS	Nine sitting; three elected every year for a three-year term: 1968-70 L. M. Bell, R. H. Pratt, D. G. Rosenblat 1969-71 A. P. Cook, G. B. Llewellyn (Chairman), C. R. McNeil 1970-72 Dr. R. A. Chaplin, S. S. Kenyon, Wilmer C. Rockett

## *From the Secretary*

JACK LEVINE  
Raleigh, North Carolina

### New Members

- 2532 Cremers, 1526 Berkley Road, North Vancouver, British Columbia  
2533 Edgington, Charles A., 2221 Ochel Tree, Olathe, Kansas 66061  
2534 Gibbard, Glen A., 428 North Springer, Burnaby 2, British Columbia  
2535 Kamiyama, Robert, P.O. Box 63, Koza City, Okinawa, Ryukyu Islands  
2536 Margulis, Martin, 1368 Metropolitan Avenue, Bronx, New York 10462  
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2538 Brown, James, 3313 Lassiter Court, Calgary 10, Alberta  
2539 Coleman, Mrs. Wells (Mabel), 67 Park Lane, Rochester, New York 14625  
2540 Dinniwel, J. D., 94 Kingston Road East, Pickering, Ontario  
2541 Elnen, Thomas E., P.O. Box 34, Skokie, Illinois 60076  
2542 Herst, Mrs. Herman (Ida), Shrub Oak, Westchester County, New York 10588  
2543 Huffington, Herb L., 814 North Lakeshore Drive, Waterville, Minnesota 56096  
2544 Leitch, Richard L., 184 Roywood Drive, Don Mills, Ontario  
2545 Motard, Pierre F., P.O. Box 25, Group 509, R.R. 5, Winnipeg, Manitoba  
2546 Squirell, Graham W., 236 Ninth Avenue, Lively, Ontario  
2547 Wettlaufer, H. Glen, 192 St. George, Mitchell, Ontario  
2548 Yaskow, Leonard, 11—1970 Portage Avenue, Winnipeg 22, Manitoba

### Applications for Membership

- CAMERON, Allan F., 995 First St., Gravenhurst, Ont. (C-CX) CAN, NFD, MARITIMES—19th and 20th century mint and used postage and blocks. Plate Blocks. Coils. O.H.M.S.-G. Federal, Provincial and Tax-Paid Revenues. Mint, used and semi-official Airmails. Literature. "Locals". Large and Small Cents varieties. SPECIALTY—Revenues and Small Cents. Proposed by L. Armson, No. 1781. Seconded by R. L. Dicker, No. 2294.
- CLAPP, James A. III, 10018 Cedar Creek, Houston, Tex. 77042 (C-C) CAN—19th and 20th century mint postage and blocks. Coils. O.H.M.S.-G. Mint panes and complete booklets. Precancels. Federal Revenues. Mint Airmails. Postal Stationery entires. Literature. Proofs and Essays. Shade varieties and postal errors. Proposed by R. J. Woolley, No. 359.
- CLARK, Stuart A., 924 North Drive, Winnipeg 19, Man. (C-CX) CAN, NFD—Mint and used postage. Plate Blocks. Coils. O.H.M.S.-G. Mint and used Airmails. Tagged varieties. Proposed by E. deLaroque, No. 2206. Seconded by W. D. Hurst, No. 1311.
- DANIELS, Ralph B., 35 Bryant Road, Ajax, Ont. (C-CX) CAN—19th and 20th century used postage and blocks. Squared Circle cancellations. SPECIALTY—Small Queen varieties and squared circle cancellations. Proposed by J. Levine, No. 11.
- HICKEY, Joseph W., 214 Bonnie Brae, Wichita, Kansas 67207 (C-CX) CAN—used postage. Flag cancels on cover. O.H.M.S.-G. Used Airmails. Flag cancellations. SPECIALTY—Large Queens. Proposed by R. J. Woolley, No. 359.
- FLOOD, Richard D., 124 Chevy Chase, Thermopolis, Wyo. 82443 (C-CX) CAN, NFD—19th and 20th century mint and used postage. Proposed by R. L. Kisch, No. 2492.
- GOLDSMITH, Kennard E., RFD No. 1, Box 69C, Barnstead, N.H. 03218 (C-CX) CAN, NFD—19th and 20th century mint postage. Coils. O.H.M.S.-G. Mint booklet panes. Federal and Alberta Revenues. Mint Airmails. SPECIALTY—Canadian Revenues. Proposed by R. V. von Klippstein, No. 1007. Seconded by J. C. Lehr, No. 1856.
- GRIGSON, Roger, 1 Park Close, Brook St., Windsor, Berks., England (C-CX) CAN—19th century used postage. Covers. Flag, 2 and 4-ring, squared circle, duplex and fancy cancellations. Proposed by C. W. Hollingsworth, No. 896. Seconded by M. W. Carstairs, No. 2257.
- HUGHES, Dr. Harley J., 910 Ridgeway St., Thunder Bay, Ont. (C-CX) CAN, NFD, PROV—19th century postage. 1st Flight covers. Mint, used, semi-official airmails and on cover. Proofs and Essays. SPECIALTY—"Tagged" issues. Airmails. Proofs. Proposed by C. R. McNeil, No. 649.
- LEACH, Ronald G., 695 Muskoka St. South, Gravenhurst, Ont. (C-CX) CAN, NFD, B.C.—19th century mint and used postage and blocks. Coils. O.H.M.S.-G. Precancels. Federal, Provincial and Tax-Paid Revenues. Mint, used and semi-official Airmails. Literature. Small Queens and Admiral varieties. SPECIALTY—Revenues, Precancels, Small Queens. Proposed by L. Armson, No. 1781. Seconded by R. L. Decker, No. 2294.
- LEVERTON, Allan M., 86 Strand, London W.C. 2, England (D). Proposed by H. B. Martin, Jr., No. 2068.

- MOORE, Marcus, 36 Newfield Crescent, Dore, Sheffield S17 3DE, Yorks., England (C-CX) NFD—19th and 20th century mint and used postage and blocks. Pre-stamp and stampless covers. Newfoundland cancellations. Proposed by R. V. C. Carr, No. 1427.
- McINTYRE, John M., 638 Centennial St., Winnipeg 9, Man. (C) CAN—Mint and used postage and mint blocks. Coils. O.H.M.S.-G. Mint booklet panes. Mint Airmails. Proofs and Essays. Proposed by H. W. S. Wilding, No. 1040. Seconded by K. Bileski, No. 122.
- PROULX, David H., 7629 Homestead Drive, Baldwinsville, N.Y. 13027 (C-CX) CAN, NFD—Mint and used postage. Postal stationery entires. Flag and slogan cancellations. Proposed by R. J. Woolley, No. 359.
- POIRIER, Germain, 6690—29th Avenue, Apt. 6, Montreal 409, Que. (C) CAN—Research and collecting "Canadiana" stamps. Proposed by J. Levine, No. L1.
- PYLE, Palmer E., 2107D North Rolfe St., Arlington, Va. 22209 (C) CAN, NFD—Mint postage. 1st Flight covers. Coils. Complete booklets. Precancels. Federal and Provincial Revenues. Postal stationery entires. Literature. Proposed by J. Levine, No. L1.
- TODD, Janis E., 1530 Chestnut St., San Francisco, Calif. 94123 (C) CAN—19th and 20th century mint postage. Pre-stamp, 1st Day covers. Seals. Literature. Proposed by E. A. Clark, No. 1498.
- WICKERSON, Lorne T., 10A—515 West 110th St., N.Y.C. 10025 (C) CAN, NFD, PROV—19th and 20th century mint and used postage and blocks. Coils. O.H.M.S.-G. Mint, used and semi-official Airmails. Proposed by R. L. Kisch, No. 2492.

#### Changes of Address

(Notice of change MUST BE SENT TO THE SECRETARY. Any other office will cause delay)

- 894 Bushell, Eric S., R.R. No. 1, Ste. Agathe Des Monts, Quebec
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- 2171 Campbell, Thomas P., 16 Bonaire Circle, Waban, Mass. 02168
- 1358 Frampton, Gene W., 6543 Beach Drive S.W., Seattle, Wash. 98116
- 452 Harmer, H. R. Ltd., 41 New Bond St., London W1A 4EH, England
- 2204 Hott, Gordon E., 1063 Linden Avenue, Deerfield, Ill. 60015
- 2475 Morisch, Don RMI, USCGC Staten Island WAGB-278, c/o FPO Seattle, Wash. 98799.
- 2415 Narbonne, R. F., Box 412, Greenwood, N.S.
- 1574 O'Neill, W. Paul Jr., Capetown, Dept. of State, Washington, D.C. 20521
- 1056 Rosenthal, Harry, 124 Lemos, Kerrville, Texas 78028.
- 2495 Stillions, Clarence A., 5110 Chevy Chase, No. 55, Houston, Texas 77027
- 1773 Stonier, Peter F., M.D., 230 Greenstone Drive, Kamloops, B.C.
- 2394 Turner, Thomas W., 426 S.W. 175 Place, Seattle, Wash. 98166
- 2459 Williamson, Jean G., 3928 Clarke St., Oakland, Calif. 94609.
- 221 Wood, Stanley A., 4 Tuhimata St., St. Heliers, Auckland 5, New Zealand.

#### Deceased

- 2040 Doll, Denton T., 3404 Westerfield Dr. N.E., Albuquerque, N.M. 87111.
- 844 White, Marcus W., 15 Sherburne Ave., Worcester, Mass. 01606.

#### Mail Returned

(Information to present address will be appreciated)

- 1122 Davidson, Edgar, R.R. 1, Grenville, N.B.
- 2025 Godfrey, Eldon Charles, 412 Simons Road N.W., Calgary 47, Alta.

### MEMBERSHIP SUMMARY

TOTAL MEMBERSHIP, May 1, 1970 .....	1072	
NEW MEMBERS, July 1, 1970 .....	17	
	<hr/>	1089
DECEASED, July 1, 1970 .....	1	
	<hr/>	1
TOTAL MEMBERSHIP, July 1, 1970 .....		1088

## Notes from the Librarian

MICHAEL SQUIRELL  
Lively, Ontario

The library has now been moved from Edmonton, Alberta, to Lively, Ontario, and we're open for business once again. New bookshelves have been installed to accommodate the collection, arrangements have been made with the post office for us to take advantage of the library rate, and we await your requests.

A. G. Anderson has donated a copy of *The Collectors' Mail Auctions Catalogue* to the BNAPS library, and C. E. Foster has

sent the library two copies of his booklet *A Guide for Amateur Writers*. Foster is the editor of the New Mexico Philatelic Association magazine and his booklet, originally intended for his own contributors, is an excellent basic course for would-be writers on philatelic subjects.

Members at large who wish copies of their own should write to the New Mexico group at 317-D Fifteenth Street NW, Albuquerque, New Mexico 87104.



# Treasurer's Report

LEO J. LaFRANCE  
Ossining, New York

This report reflects the financial position of the British North America Philatelic Society for the year 1969. Although it is not in the format of previous reports it fulfills the need at this time. It has been examined by a certified public accountant and fairly presents our position at this time.

## ASSETS AND LIABILITIES As at December 31, 1969

<b>Assets</b>			
Cash—Brown Brothers-Harriman .....		\$3,223.51	
Cash—In Custody of Sales Manager .....		7,780.99	
Cash—In Custody of Librarian .....		613.27	
Cash—In Custody of Handbook Agent—U.S. Dollars .....		2.28	
Cash—In Custody of Handbook Agent—Canadian Dollars .....		1.87	
		<hr/>	\$11,621.92
5% Growth Certificate—At Cost .....		1,703.00	
C. M. Jephcott Memorial Fund—At Cost .....		2,466.15	
		<hr/>	4,169.15
<b>Accounts Receivable</b>			
Handbook Agent—U.S. Dollars .....		3.75	
Handbook Agent—Canadian Dollars .....		199.20	
Bnapex Medals .....		52.31	
Librarian .....		110.70	
		<hr/>	365.96
Inventory—Handbooks .....		1,556.18	
Postage—Sales Manager .....		34.92	
		<hr/>	1,591.10
<b>TOTAL ASSETS</b> .....			\$17,748.13
<b>Liabilities</b>			
Prepaid 1970 Dues .....	\$	175.50	
Life Membership Fund .....		463.00	
Capex Loan Fund .....		700.00	
Due Owners on Sales Circuits .....		1,360.86	
Insurance Fund .....		3,202.66	
		<hr/>	\$ 5,902.02
Retained Earnings December 31, 1968 .....		8,449.96	
Earnings for 1969 .....		3,396.15	
		<hr/>	11,846.11
		<hr/>	\$17,748.13

## INCOME AND EXPENSE For the year ended December 31, 1969

<b>Income</b>			
Dues 1968 .....	\$	3.75	
Dues 1969 .....		5,252.50	
Fees .....		110.00	
Royalty on Holmes Catalog .....		1,703.74	
Income from Handbook Operations .....		882.53	
Income from Sales Circuits .....		822.52	
Dividends .....		121.20	
<b>TOTAL INCOME</b> .....		<hr/>	\$ 8,896.24
<b>Expense</b>			
Topics .....	\$4,429.06		
Exchange Discount .....	83.90		
Bank Charges .....	44.90		
Postage .....	329.72		
Printing and Stationery .....	409.25		
CPA Audit—1968 .....	50.00		
1969 Grand Award .....	63.04		
Miscellaneous .....	90.22		
<b>TOTAL EXPENSES</b> .....		<hr/>	5,500.09
		<hr/>	\$ 3,396.15

# BNAPS Regional Groups

- Philadelphia** — Meets the first Thursday of each month at 7934 Pickering Street, Philadelphia, Pa.  
**Temagami** — Meet every summer. Alfred P. Cook, Coy Glen Road, Ithaca, New York.  
**Vancouver** — Fourth Wednesday of each month at 8 p.m.; Dickinson Room, Stry Credit Union Building, 144 E. 7th Avenue, Vancouver.  
**Edmonton** — Meets twice a year in May and October in a public place, time and date to be announced. Out of town visitors to communicate with Secretary F. N. Harris, 11013—129 Street.  
**Calgary** — Meets fourth Tuesday at 8 p.m., Secretary: Mrs. Jack Benningen, 157 Wildwood Drive, Calgary 5, Alberta.



*John C.  
Cornelius  
BNAPS 1401*

## JOHN C. CORNELIUS

**After a false start at P & G and  
BBD & O he got down to business**

Just prior to my joining BNAPS, there was a chap out Minnesota way who became a member. He is John C. Cornelius, and recently many of us have heard of his work with Canadian air mails, so it's time that we found out more about him.

John is a young man in his thirties, with a wife Helen, four children, and two big dogs. A native of Minneapolis, he received his education at the University of Minnesota with a major in history. After four years with Procter and Gamble, he joined the advertising firm of Batten, Barton, Durstine and Osborne, but after four years left to do what he really wanted to do—be a stamp dealer. He has just completed 10 successful years with his own firm, Cornelius Stamp Co.

John's collecting habits started at the age of eight with a general collection, which became a Canadian collection by the time he was in his teens. The late Carl Becken first interested him with a small collection of Canadian airmails. Having spent so many summers in Canada where there was much bush flying, he became so interested in the Airs that he persuaded Carl to sell him his collection which he has kept for sentimental reasons. His chief complaint is that he doesn't get the chance to work on his collection to the extent that he would like. John is now responsible for the Canadian section of the forthcoming American Air Mail Catalogue and this gigantic task is now complete. Many prominent air-minded BNAPSers assisted him.

John belongs to many prominent philatelic societies but he failed to inform me just which ones they were.

Other hobbies include football-watching, as well as baseball and hockey. He also enjoys fishing at his Canadian summer home, with side-trips with his father to the far northern lakes. He is also an avid reader of history and other non-fiction subjects.

—Dr. R. V. C. Carr

## ...and some doodles by The Editor

The postal strike in Canada continues. For the first few weeks the strike hit, a day at a time, in different cities. Toronto was struck once during the third week, twice the second week, and now the city has been broken up into districts so that one part of the city may be strike-free while another is not; things are becoming quite serious. It's the strike that caused the president's column to arrive too late for inclusion in this issue.

The last issue reached my home about July 2; the copy sent to the editorial mailing office arrived a full week later.

One of our most prolific and constant contributors is Max Rosenthal who writes on postal history and, more recently, cancellations. Max's articles are written in longhand and while the linotype operator who sets the type is generous in his praise of Max's script, everyone would prefer that they be typewritten. Last month I discovered that BNAPS has a typewriter, which I picked up from John Young. Having no need of it myself, I called Max and offered it to him. He was pleased enough, will take it off my hands, and do his best with it. The trouble, you see, is that Max doesn't type.

# MAIL FROM OUR MEMBERS

## The Martinsyde covers and their numbers

In *Topics* for April, 1970 Glen Hansen states in reference to the Newfoundland 1919 "Martinsyde" flight that "There were 182 covers prepared . . ."

For over 40 years I have kept a record of covers coming on the market or having been exhibited and the total is less than 20. It is unlikely that more than a few would have been destroyed as both the "Hawker" and "Martinsyde" covers rapidly acquired an appreciable value. The number carried on the "Martinsyde" plane has never been officially published but it is very unlikely that more than 30 or 40 at the very outside were included in the mail; this apart from the two small "supplementary" groups added later, a handful of covers franked with the normal 3c Caribou and a further 25 bearing the \$1 "Alcock" stamp. The mail was taken to England shortly after the second crash on July 17 by Major Raynham. He forgot all about it and did not hand it over to the British GPO until January 7.

There were only some 80 "Hawker" covers (the Letter Bill is illustrated in the book *Newfoundland Air Mails Dalwich* and I wrote some years ago) and undoubtedly again the large majority were saved by the recipients. It is much less rare than the "M. S. Martinsyde".

C. H. C. Harmer  
H. R. Harmer Ltd.  
England

## Some further thoughts on the Admiral lathework

I must congratulate Mr. Rosenblat for his article on the Admiral lathework and with it add to the confusion which already exists. I must confess, though, that my own letter dated March 16, 1969 did not help the matter either.

I am fairly positive that the printing method, wet or dry, did not have much influence on this. For instance I own some part and some complete sheets of a particular plate (1c green Plate 71, 1c yellow, 2c red Plate 58, etc.) all printed by the wet method which in one case show the

lathework complete, or almost, and in the other on the same plate "worn". Also a strip of the 7c brown, dry printing shows just a fine line of the lathework and another from the 3c red Plate 127 — one with full lathework, the other from the same plate but imperforated with only a portion.

All this would indicate is that something else is the cause. In my handbook I reject the idea of wear! Only good guesses can be made, but it is my intention to explain some of my thoughts on this in the second part of my handbook, to be issued soon. I also know now the actual total width for each type of lathework and have seen the printing machine.

— Hans Reiche

## Topics can stand on its own two feet

Last night, out of curiosity, I measured my bound copies of *Topics* going back to March 1944, and found that the 26 volumes take up exactly 24 inches of shelf space, two feet of specialized information on British North American philately. The hours spent in compiling this information would be unbelievable!

Unfortunately, except in rare instances where a subscriber saves and has *Topics* bound, most of this labor warrants a half-interested reading by most members and is forgotten. Newer members of the Society never know what they've missed.

There are handbooks published by our Society and our English counterpart but these are too specialized for most collectors. Fred Jarrett and Winthrop S. Boggs have done a remarkable job with their books dealing with all phases of Canadian philately but, unfortunately, they are no longer in print and show up only occasionally at auctions at a stiff price.

It seems to me that *Topics* could fill this need. Four or eight pages of the center section of each issue, easily removable from the staples, could make up a chapter on some phase of Canadian philately, written by a member who is knowledgeable in that particular field or it could be condensation of articles which have appeared in earlier *Topics*.

— John F. Wilsdon

# CLASSIFIED ADVERTISEMENTS

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FINE STAMPS AND COVERS OF CANADA — Stanley Lum, 218F Stanley Greene Park, Downsview, Ont.

CANADA-BNA — Mint, Used, F-VF stamps. Complete price list on request. Approvals. Send want list. Bert Baulch, Box 196, Cooksville, Ontario.

CANADA BOOKLETS — 136 different varieties, \$820.00 by Arnold's list (1961), net \$480.00. Wanted booklets of France, Danzig, China. Paul Dinger, 650 Wildcherry, Naperville, Illinois, 60540.

50 BOOKS — Canada, U.S.A., France, Austria, Bosnia, Belgium, Russia, French and British Colonies. Alexandre Testulat, 243 King West, Sherbrooke, Quebec, Canada.

## WANTED

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16/02, and appending a note in the Handbook that '10 dates are probably all errors for '01.

I believe that the '10 error for '01 at WINGHAM and other towns (KENTVILLE, for example) are due to the same kind of problem discussed with regard to the inverted month slugs. That is, if the two numeral slugs were put together reading 01 (in their mirror image form), they would print 10; or if they were correctly put together reading 10 (again, in their mirror image form), they would correctly print 01, but if inserted in the hammer upside-down, would print 10.

Congratulations to Nels Pelletier on finding the fourth known example of WINNIPEG IV used during the Small Queens era, and the first example reported on the 3c denomination. His copy is a very nice strike, 1/JU 1/95, and is now the earliest known use of hammer IV. The other three known examples on Small Queens are all on the 2c denomination and carry dates of JU 12 and JU 14/95.

I have NEWMARKET, JY 17/97 on 3c Jubilee, a new late date carrying the known span of use beyond the issue date of the Jubilees, and the only example of this town thus far known to me on Jubilee.

Dr. Warren Bosch reports MANSONVILLE, MR 3/98 in which the month and day are inverted. There is a large space between MR and 3, the 3 being very close to the rim lettering. He would be interested in hearing from persons having strikes of MR 3, 13, 23, 30, or 31 to determine, if possible, whether this is MR 3 or there is another digit which has not registered in his strike.

Nels Pelletier reports a new early date for DONALD, B.C.:MR 12/94. He also has TORONTO-YORK STREET on 1c Small Queen, (blank)/JA 15/94; Harold Wilding has 'blank' for the same date on 2c small queen, so it is likely that these are genuine blanks, and not just failure of a time-mark to register properly on an isolated cover. Nels also reports a handsome addition to his collection: ST. GABRIEL DE MONTREAL, OC 12/95. My luck seldom runs to such heady stuff as this!

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